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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Intelligence Coordination

SUBJECT : Assessment of [] Research

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REFERENCE : Your Memo, 25 August 1953, Same Subject

1. I have determined the use to which the [] product has been put by ORR. The answers to your specific questions appear below in the same order as in referenced memo.

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a. ORR is making a continually increasing use of the [] products. It is true that the type of work carried on by [] has not as yet been of major importance to ORR. I believe, however, that in the future the very extensive economic studies on the Soviet Bloc conducted by [] will be of increasing importance to ORR since they will, to some extent, eliminate the necessity for our undertaking research on unclassified materials.

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The product of their work, however, can be guided by ORR through external research facilities provided by []

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b. The following studies have been of value to ORR.

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c. I would have recommended expenditure of CIA's funds to assist in the production of these studies, insofar as they would have directly benefited OIR's research effort, for the reasons given in a. above.

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d. The conduct of social science research by academic institutions is as much a worthwhile object for governmental financing as is the conduct of scientific research financed by the National Science Foundation. I believe that the most important criterion to be applied to the use of government funds in the financing of such research lies in the clear definition of the terms of reference of such research by the governmental organization benefiting or sponsoring the research.

2. I trust that the answers given above to your specific questions will be adequate for the purpose outlined in paragraph 1 of your memorandum. If further details are required, I shall be happy to furnish them. I should like to point out that OSA will be making increasing use of the product of [] in the future. Our research program is rounding out to the point where specific gaps, which can be fulfilled by external unclassified research, can be identified.

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